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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Administrative Action
	)	
RICHARD RUSSELL, D.D.S.	)	
	)	CONSENT ORDER
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This matter having been opened to the New Jersey Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon information that Richard Russell, D.D.S., ("respondent") was engaged in the practice of dentistry in this State without holding a current registration. The Board, after review of its records and hearing testimony from respondent at an investigative inquiry on December 17, 1997, determined that respondent does not hold a current registration and has not held a valid registration since at least 1990. It now appears that respondent wishes to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings, and without any admissions of wrongdoing. The Board, after consideration of the above, and for good cause shown, has determined that the entry of this Order adequately protects the interests of the public. Therefore,

IT IS ON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 1998

AGREED AND ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of dentistry in this State unless he holds a valid, current registration. Such registration shall be issued by the Board upon entry of this Consent Order.

2. Respondent shall successfully complete the following continuing education within the time frame set forth in this paragraph:

a. For the renewal period November 1995 - October 1997: twenty six (26) credits to be completed by October 31, 1998, respondent having previously submitted proof of completion of fourteen (14) credits for that period;

b. For the renewal period November 1997 - October 1999: thirty three (33) credits to be completed by April 30, 1998, respondent having previously submitted proof of completion of seven (7) credits for that period;

The courses required pursuant to paragraph 2 a shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance, using the attached pre-approval sheet. Respondent shall also complete the attached continuing education report and proof of attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. A separate form shall be used for each course.

3. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with his signing of this order, pay the reinstatement fee of \$250.00, the current licensing fee of \$220.00, and the late fee of \$100.00, by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and

forwarded to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Dentistry.

4. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with his signing of this order, provide proof of current registrations for x-ray equipment and waste disposal.

5. Respondent shall take and pass the New Jersey Law and Jurisprudence examination not later than May 15, 1998.

6. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,500. Of that sum, \$2,500 reflects a penalty for practicing without a current registration in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h). The remaining \$3,000 is assessed for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) for failing to complete continuing education requirements as required by N.J.A.C. 13: 30-8.18 (\$500 for failing to complete continuing education requirements for 1993-1995, and \$2500 for failing to complete continuing education requirements for the subsequent renewal period). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the State of New Jersey and forwarded to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, Sixth Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Payment shall be made pursuant to following schedule: \$1,500.00 not later than 30 days following the entry of this order, and \$1,000 on each of the following four dates: June 1, 1998, July 1, 1998, August 1, 1998, and September 1, 1998.

7. Respondent shall pay costs of investigation in this matter in the amount of \$67.24. Payment for costs shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey

and submitted to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, contemporaneously with his signing of this order.

8. If, upon receipt of reliable information, including but not limited to an affidavit of counsel or board staff, the Board determines that respondent appears to have violated any term of this Consent Order, including a requirement that continuing education hours be completed by a specific date, the Board may, in addition to any other penalty authorized by law, upon three days notice to respondent, suspend respondent's license to practice dentistry in this State until such time as respondent has satisfied the terms of the order.

New Jersey Board of Dentistry

By:

Valentine P. Bloch  
Valentine P. Bloch, D.D.S.  
President

I have read and understand  
the terms of this Consent Order  
and agree to be bound by its  
terms. I consent to the entry  
of this Order.

Richard Russell D.D.S.  
Richard Russell, D.D.S.